Edwards: Hillsboro Police Department to Receive Local Law Enforcement Funding from Stimulus

(Washington, D.C.) – United States Representative Chet Edwards announced today that the City of Hillsboro Police Department will receive \$18,058 in funding from the Stimulus legislation signed by the President on February 17th. These funds will be distributed through the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program to the Hillsboro Police Department.

"Ensuring the safety of our communities is one of my top priorities," said Edwards. "These funds will help the Hillsboro Police Department keep our streets and law enforcement personnel safe."

The JAG program allows local governments to engage in a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve their criminal justice system. It provides counties and cities wide flexibility to prioritize their needs and place justice funds where they are most needed. The grant award may be used to help pay for new personnel, law enforcement programs, prevention programs, multi-jurisdictional drug task forces, or technology improvement projects.

"Creating jobs and protecting our families from criminals are positive uses of federal stimulus funds," concluded Edwards.

This recent set of JAG grants will provide the City of Hillsboro with \$18,058. Hillsboro will use these funds for narcotic interdiction initiatives.

Hillsboro Chief of Police Tony Cain said, "The Hillsboro Police Department is very pleased to be a recipient of this grant and with the economic issues we are facing these funds will be very beneficial in our efforts to keep our community as safe as possible. The department plans on using the funds for narcotic interdiction initiatives."